Bhimkund Multipurpose Project Stage-I envisaging construction of a dam at Neopara on river Baitarni, two power houses with a total installed capacity of 393 MW and flood control benefits to an area of 1400 sq. km. estimated to cost Rs. 328.15 crores was received in Central Water Commission in 6/1980. After examination the project was sent back to the State in 1/1983 due to non-compliance of observations by the State. Bhimkund Multi-purpose Project State-II has not been received in Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal.

(c) The State is required to submit modified reports on Manibhadra and Bhimkund State-I Projects and detailed project report for Bhimkund Stage-II Project.

[*Translation*]

Landing of Airbuses at Bhopal Airport

3047. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for landing of the Airbuses at Bhopal airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the expenditure involved in it; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The work of extending the runway upto 670 ft. for AB-320 operation at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crores is already in progress and is expected to be completed by April, 1992.

[*English*]

Development of Tourism in West Bengal

3048. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal propose to develop sports of tourist interest in the State with the assistance of Union Government during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

[*Translation*]

Telephone Connections in Madhya Pradesh

3049. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of telephone connections provided in Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to improve and modernise Telecommunication service in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is given in the attached Statement.

(b) The information is given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

District-wise Net Telephone connections provided in Madhya Pradesh

S. No.	*District*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*	*1991-92 (upto 29.2.92)*
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Balaghat	238	601	295
2.	Bastar	302	497	378
3.	Betual	168	313	266
4.	Bhind	259	245	49
5.	Bhopal	6456	5158	3926
6.	Bilaspur	1704	1628	913
7.	Chattarpur	131	428	261
8.	Chhindwara	403	634	494
9.	Damoh	174	301	202
10.	Dattia	132	11	89
11.	Dewas	682	894	601
12.	Dhar	609	862	669
13.	Durg	55	515	242
14.	Guna	458	387	445
15.	Gwalior	870	513	1444
16.	Hoshangabad	483	849	536
17.	Indore	907	110	7580
18.	Jabalpur	777	2170	3934
19.	Jhabua	221	44[illegible]	256
20.	Khandwa	517	1069	859
21.	Khargone	601	1106	335
22.	Mandla	79	211	181

S. No.	*District*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*	*1991-92 (upto 29.2.92)*
1	2	3	4	5
23.	Mandsaur	682	1358	616
24.	Morena	558	629	361
25.	Narsinghpur	323	675	417
26.	Panna	24	102	418
27.	Raigarh	341	529	416
28.	Raipur	1223	5307	1258
29.	Raisen	470	572	445
30.	Rajgarh	290	376	548
31.	Rajnandgaon	325	459	543
32.	Ratlam	649	1482	599
33.	Rewa	212	186	697
34.	Sagar	525	587	23
35.	Sarguja	192	106	116
36.	Satna	269	733	632
37.	Sehore	418	617	803
38.	Seoni	195	613	526
39.	Shahdol	256	415	339
40.	Shahjapur	236	690	813
41.	Shivpuri	261	419	239
42.	Sidhi	211	121	105
43.	Tikamgarh	61	135	81
44.	Ujjain	2102	1586	770
45.	Vidhisha	171	367	412

STATEMENT –II

Steps taken to improve and modernise Telecommunication Service in Madhya Pradesh.

Steps are being taken to improve and modernise Telecommunication service in Madhya Pradesh. Towards this end, the draft Eighth Plan (1992-97) proposals envisage addition of over 3 lakh lines and replacement of around one lakh lines mostly by electronic equipment during the Plan period in Madhya Pradesh which includes:–

- Achieve fully automatic network by March '1994 by replacing all manual exchanges.
- Replace life expired and worn out switches as and when they become life expired.
- Replace all strowger MAX-III exchanges by electronic exchanges (as part of the programme to provide national subscriber dialing to all exchanges)
- Provision of Subscriber Trunk Dialing facility to all exchanges.

[*English*]

Setting up of Automatic Telephone Exchange in Midnapore District

3050. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to set up one automatic telephone exchange with STD facilities combining the existing Mecheda and Kolaghat telephone exchanges into one exchange with STD Midnapore District West circle;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) (i) It has already been planned to replace the existing Mecheda small Electro-mechanical exchange and Kolaghat Manual exchange by 176 lines and 200 lines Electronic Exchanges respectively during 1992-93.

(ii) Installation work and upgradation of external plant in this regard has already been taken up.

(iii) Reliable transmission media have been planned between Kolaghat-Mecheda-Kharagpur during 1992-93 to provide STD facilities.

[*Translation*]

Losses in ITDC Hotels

3051. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to improve the condition of such of the ITDC Hotels which are running in losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). ITDC presently owns and operates 25 hotels located at various places in the country. It is the endeavour of ITDC to